

The National Consumers League supports the application of BellSouth for authorization to provide long distance service in Tennessee and Florida. Founded in 1899, NCL is a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization whose mission is to identify, protect, represent, and advance the economic and social interests of consumers and workers. NCL believes that increased competition in the telecommunications marketplace will benefit consumers and workers in Tennessee and Florida. Allowing BellSouth entry into those markets should result in more choices and lower prices for consumers. As an organization that has long advocated for fair labor standards, NCL recognizes that BellSouth is a pro-union company with a commitment to providing employees with decent wages, safe working conditions, and comprehensive benefits. For all these reasons, NCL urges the Federal Communications Commission to approve BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in Tennessee and Florida.